GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed by the Government to declare a monument at centrally protected;

(b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has any comprehensive plan to maintain, protect and preserve the historical monuments in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned by the Government for the proper preservation of centrally protected monuments in various States during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Under Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, ancient monuments, archaeological sites and remains which are of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which have been in existence for not less than 100 years can be declared as monuments of national importance.

(b) & (c) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process and yearly conservation programmes for structural repairs, chemical preservation and horticulture operations are drawn up based on the priorities and depending upon the resources available.The number of works approved during the current financial year (2008-09) are as under:

Structural Conservation - 1591

Chemical Preservation - 167

Horticulture Operations - 335

(d) The details of the total amount spent during the last three years and the provision for the current financial year for conservation, preservation and environmental development of centrally protected monuments in various States are as follows:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	2005-06	10195.00
2.	2006-07	10816.89
3.	2007-08	12886.19

4. 2008-09 12945.00 (Allotment) 8036.55 (Spent till Nov. 2008)